

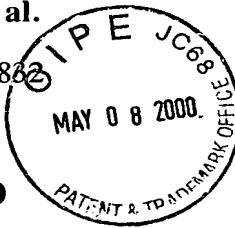
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: **EBNER, et al.**

Application Number: 09/115,882

Filed: July 15, 1998

Title: **INTERLEUKIN-20**



Group Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: Draper, G.

Atty. Docket No. PF399

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 8, 1999 (Paper No. 12), Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Petition for Extension of Time for a period of time of two (2) months to and including May 8, 2000, with appropriate fee; (b) a Fee Transmittal Sheet; and (c) a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and copies of references AH-AO. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Title:

Please delete the title as originally filed "INTERLEUKIN-20" and replace therefor with the new title --POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING INTERLEUKIN-20--.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 17, 19, 39, and 40 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 23 and 48 as follows:

~~23.~~ (Once Amended) An isolated polynucleotide consisting of a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of: